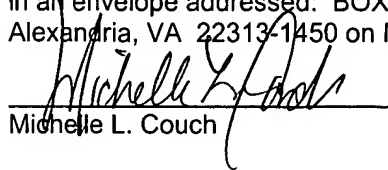


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**BLANKET PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
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